

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 17-19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 17-19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 are amended and claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20, 23, 26 and 27 are canceled. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, on pages 25-29 of the present application. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Hicks at the interview held October 21, 2008, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

I. Rejection of claims 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejects claims 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as having insufficient antecedent basis. By this Amendment, claims 26 and 27 are canceled. Therefore this rejection is moot.

II. Claims 1-27 Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Brewer ("Intelligent Tracking in Manufacturing," Journal of Intelligent Manufacturing Vol. 10, pages 245-250, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1999). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claims 1, 10 and 19 have been amended to further define the creation of a vehicle-specific holder and the registration of moveable-body identification information. Claim 1 has also been amended to improve clarity and to recite more proper method-claim language.

Brewer fails to disclose or suggest an information providing method where the fixed station creates a vehicle-specific holder by making use of the movable-body identification information sent from the first information registration apparatus and registers the movable-body identification information and the communication unit identification information sent from the *first* information registration apparatus and the user identification information sent from the *second* information registration apparatus in a mutually related manner in the vehicle-specific holder, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 10 and 19.

Brewer allegedly discloses an information providing method in which a movable body and fixed station communicate with each other and the fixed station provides various types of information to the movable body. See Brewer, page 248, col. 1, paragraph 2. However, Brewer fails to disclose sending "movable-body identification information" (MBII) and "communication unit identification information" (CUII) from a first information registration apparatus, while sending "user identification information" (UII) from a second information registration apparatus in a mutually related manner in the vehicle-specific holder. Furthermore, while Brewer discloses a communication between a fixed station and a movable body, it fails to disclose a system whereby the fixed station sends information to the movable body upon the initiative of the movable body.

Therefore, the Applicant asserts that independent claims 1, 10 and 19 are allowable. The Applicant also asserts that claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24 and 25 are allowable at least for their dependence on allowable base claims. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 4, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 17-19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 be withdrawn.

III. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing arguments, the Applicant asserts that independent claims 1, 10 and 19 are allowable, and that claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24 and 25 are allowable at least for their dependence on the allowable base claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 4, 5, 8-10, 13, 14, 17-19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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